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A RAINBOW spotted from the north side of Newport Beach Pier as storm clouds push inland on Friday.

No major issues from storm

Just under an inch of rain was reported in several cities in Orange County as of Friday afternoon. It did not stop some people from venturing outdoors.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The rain arrived Thursday evening and continued to come in scattered showers on Friday, but it was going to take more than a rainy day to keep some inside.

After the most recent stay-at-home order was lifted on Monday, some local residents were out to patronize the restaurants at lower Forest Avenue in Laguna Beach.

Known as the Promenade on Forest, the pedestrian plaza came about in June to offer an outdoor option for local restaurants and retail businesses to continue to operate during the coronavirus pandemic.

It has since become popular among many residents, including Igor Kudryashov, 39, of Laguna Beach, who said he hopes the Promenade will remain in place after the pandemic.

Kudryashov went to Moulin, where he tried to get his young son to pose for a picture under the shade of a red umbrella at their table.

Asked about his decision to dine out on a rainy day, Kudryashov noted he was used to the weather, saying, "I had been living in Russia, in St. Petersburg, more than 15



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A PERSON steps over running water on the 600 block of West 19th Street in Costa Mesa on Friday.

years, so this is nothing. More than 100 days a year, it's rainy and stormy [there]."

Customers at Alessa, an Italian restaurant, could be served at tables under the roof outside or be seated under a tent set up in the adjacent area designated for outdoor dining.

Larissa Abney, the manager at Alessa,

said the lifting of the stay-at-home order was a blessing that excited the staff.

"Getting that news on Monday was definitely the highlight of our week and our month and a great start to the year," Abney said.

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3 GOP hopefuls battle for vacancy

John Moorlach was endorsed for the O.C. supervisors seat, but other Republicans could split party vote.

BY SARA CARDINE

A March 9 special election to fill an open seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors is heating up, with five candidates having qualified to run by the Jan. 25 filing deadline.

But the real battle could be between three Republican contenders whose campaigns are already clashing as they seek endorsements that threaten to split the GOP vote.

Former state Sen. John Moorlach — who previously served as a 2nd District supervisor from 2006 to 2015 — secured the backing of the Republican Party of Orange County more than a month before outgoing supervisor Michelle Steel retired and was sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

"John Moorlach is an experienced and principled legislator who has the experience Orange County needs to address our most pressing issues," said party Chairman Fred Whitaker in a Dec. 1 release. "The nature of a special election gives us a shortened campaign cycle to unite Republicans and execute a winning campaign strategy."

Although Moorlach lost his senatorial reelection bid to challenger Dave Minh in the Nov. 3 election, he prevailed over Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley in the June primary. Having declared her candidacy in December, Foley stands poised as the Democratic front-runner in the supervisor race.

Whitaker acknowledged in the Republican Party endorsement the importance of maintaining dominance in the five-member board, which before Steel's departure leaned conservative by 4-1.

"We have great respect for the

Filmmaker seeking bone marrow match at O.C. church event

BY SARA CARDINE

Paul Goodman was 25 years old in 2016 and having the time of his life working as a camera operator for high-octane shows like the Discovery Channel's "Whale Wars," when the first signs of trouble struck.

That summer, the guy who'd logged more than 100 days of high seas adventures with a crew chasing ships in Antarctica, China and across the equator began to get inexplicably tired and felt under the weather. It was like a bad cold that wouldn't go away.

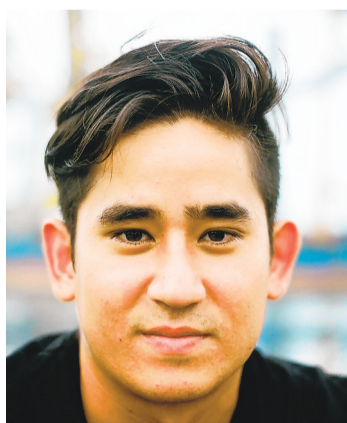
When he suddenly went blind in one eye, he called his primary care physician, who told him to come in for some tests. His parents were at his side when Goodman received the frightening diagnosis.

He had acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Cancer. He needed treatment right away.

"I was kind of in shock," the Tustin resident, now 29, recalled. "It was only when I looked at my parents that I realized what kind of mess I was in."

Goodman underwent transfusions to counteract his own cancer-ridden blood. Then came the chemotherapy, which he would endure for the next three years, aggressive at first and then less with each subsequent year.

It helped. By the end of the first year, Goodman was in remission. He felt better and used



Courtesy of Paul Goodman

DIAGNOSED WITH leukemia in 2016, Paul Goodman is searching for a potential bone marrow donor. A drive-up registration Sunday at O.C. Buddhist Church takes place from noon to 4 p.m.

the downtime during rounds of chemotherapy to write screenplays.

In 2019, Goodman wrote and shot a full-length feature film "Evergreen," which was released in August 2020. A road trip tale shot over one month along the West Coast, the movie garnered some promising acclaim and awards.

But last Thanksgiving, while living with his girlfriend in Las Vegas, Goodman felt some masses on the back of his neck. He texted his doctor, Hoag Hospital oncologist Diana Hanna, who

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Courtesy of Abigail Idiaquez

DOCTORS AND staff from City of Hope Newport Beach wave to a fire truck from the Newport Beach Fire Department during a celebration Wednesday. Newport Beach is City of Hope's only Orange County location.

Newport's City of Hope marks one year

BY MATT SZABO

There are two dates that Nicole Petersen Murr will not soon forget.

One is March 14, 2019. That was the day when she was diagnosed with HER2 triple positive invasive ductal carcinoma, an aggressive form of breast cancer.

The other is Oct. 28, 2020. That was the day when she got to ring the bell at City of Hope Newport Beach, indicating the completion of her cancer treatment. She's been in remission for the last three months.

"Sometimes I'm stuck on, OK, when's my youngest daughter's birthday?" Petersen Murr said.

"But I can remember those dates easier. It's crazy."

In between the two dates were a double mastectomy, 20 rounds of chemotherapy and 37 rounds of radiation.

"I was in an oxygen chamber for almost two months for some surgery complications," said Petersen Murr, 39, a Fullerton resident. "I also got COVID. Anything that could happen did happen, but my team was awesome at City of Hope. That's why I'm able to talk about it now, and have a smile on my face while I do so."

City of Hope Newport Beach, which has a clinic at Fashion Island, celebrated its one-year anniversary this week. It is City of

Hope's only location in Orange County. Petersen Murr was the site's first chemotherapy patient.

She has had an eventful time lately. In the midst of her treatment, she said she got married last August to Justin Murr, creating a blended family of five children.

She returned to the campus Wednesday for a one-year anniversary celebration, which included a drive-by from the Newport Beach Fire Department.

"It almost brought me to tears, being back there," Petersen Murr said. "When you're in the middle of it, it's not something that you

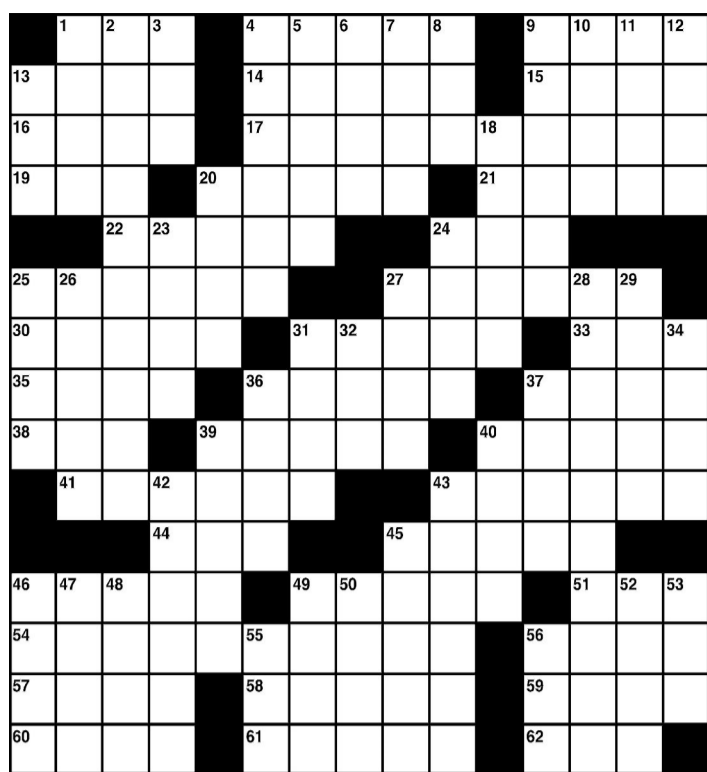
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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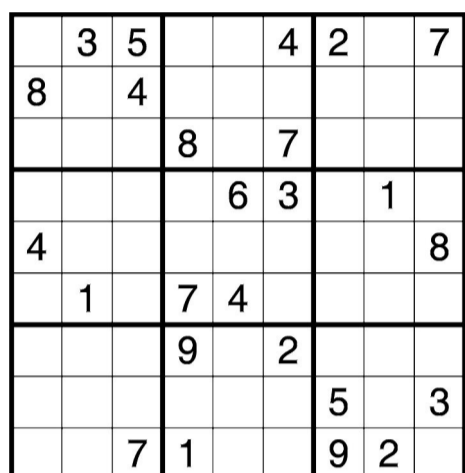
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



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- 10 Very tiny
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- 18 "My Wild _ Rose"
- 20 _ to; recover consciousness

- 23 Stable dinner
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- 34 _ on; victimize
- 36 Observes
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- 43 Male goose
- 45 Sifting device
- 46 Get a glimpse of
- 47 Light greenish-blue
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- 49 "Dead men _ no tales"
- 50 Judge's order
- 52 " _ is not to reason why"
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- 55 _ double take; look twice
- 56 School parents' org.

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CITY OF HOPE Newport Beach had a one-year anniversary celebration on Wednesday.

HOPE

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necessarily think that you can get to the other side of. To be there yesterday and see how much it's grown and how many people are going there now, it was emotional to me. I didn't think it would be, but I got pretty choked up. I couldn't believe it's been a year."

Annette Walker, president of City of Hope Orange County, said there have been about 7,000 visits since the Newport Beach location first opened. That's impressive, she said, considering the site is a "ground up" location.

"It's been going on a steady incline from the day it opened, which is exactly what we wanted," Walker said. "We're really happy with where we're at right now."

City of Hope plans to build the center of its Orange County network in Irvine, Walker said, at the Five Point Gateway near the Irvine Train Station.

"What we have in Newport Beach is a clinic, and we have specialists there, but we don't have the full breadth of City of Hope services," she said.

"Right now, we're under construction for a cancer center in Irvine. We hope that before the end of the year, we're going to break ground on Orange County's only specialty cancer hospital. Everybody on that campus, top to bottom, will be very accustomed to helping assist with cancer patients, the same way it is in Duarte."

Still, the Newport Beach clinic has provided convenience to Orange County patients, even during the time of COVID-19. In the past year, City of Hope Orange County has hired Dr. Edward Kim as its physician-in-chief and Wendy Austin as its senior vice president of operations.

Petersen Murr followed her doctors, Dr. Wade Smith and nurse practitioner Linda Buck, from a facility in Orange to the City of Hope when it opened.



Courtesy of Abigail Idiaquez

DR. WADE SMITH, left, and patient Nicole Petersen Murr are pictured at City of Hope Newport Beach on Wednesday.

"We find this location to be very convenient for existing City of Hope patients, who previously would have to make a long drive up to Duarte even during weekly cancer treatments," said Smith, a Newport Beach resident who's a medical oncologist and whose primary focus is breast cancer.

"To be able to be situated where we are, we can provide care for City of Hope patients as far south as San Diego County, as far east as Riverside County, and all the in-between communities from Duarte and ourselves."

Petersen Murr believes the treatment she has received is second to none. And she is a success story.

"We fortunately have a lot of those," Walker said. "It makes it worth getting up in the morning to do the things that we're doing, because we know what a difference it makes to our community and to individuals."

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STORM

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Reaction from customers has been equally positive, she said.

“Rain or shine, they are here,” Abney said. “They’re excited. They’re excited to be able to sit down at a table, and you can see when the people sit down, it’s a giant sigh of relief that they can get back to something they enjoyed so much.”

Up and down Forest Avenue, open doors greeted walking traffic, although there were still some signs of preparations for the storm with sandbags and floodgates out.

“The City of Laguna Beach prepared for the storm by adding extra staffing and patrols to monitor flood-prone and high-risk areas around the City, and leadership monitored the situation overnight,” Laguna Beach Emergency Operations Coordinator Brendan Manning said in a statement. “In advance of the storm, the team from Public Works also assessed the rain catch basins in and around the Promenade on Forest to ensure they were

clear.

“As a result of these efforts, there was no issue overnight with flooding or standing water on Forest Avenue or at the Promenade. We are pleased that these mitigation measures, including the community’s efforts putting out sandbags and installing floodgates, helped ensure that the storm’s impact to our community was minimal.”

Huntington Beach and Newport Beach had also made sandbags available to residents as a precaution.

Largely empty beaches were seen in Huntington Beach, where access to the pier was also gated off.

Jesse Evans, 41, of Huntington Beach was one of the last people to exit the water after enjoying about an hour of surfing.

“I like it because there’s nobody out,” Evans said of surfing in the rain. “There’s way less people. Usually, it’s crowded ... If you’re a local and you’ve lived here for long enough, [you get] little weird days like this where there’s nobody out. It’s way more fun than a good day with a bunch of people.”

Evans said he wanted to stay out longer, but those in



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

THE HUNTINGTON BEACH Pier remained closed on Friday.

the water were being asked to evacuate because of thunderstorms in the area.

An evacuation warning was also issued at Huntington State Beach at about 11 a.m., Garrett Adriano, a senior park aide, said. The warning lasted for roughly 30 minutes.

“I do know that there was an evacuation warning, and that was mainly due to the thunder and lightning,” Adriano said. “That’s why they issued a warning on the beach to take shelter and basically keep clear of the shore, due to the storm

coming in.”

Local cities did not report significant damage due to the storm, which as of late Friday afternoon had dropped 1.29 inches in Corona del Mar, .94 in Huntington Beach, .45 to .79 in areas of Laguna Beach and .91 in Costa Mesa, according to the National Weather Service.

John Pope, the public information manager for Newport Beach, said in an email that the city did have crews with water pumps out, but he said flooding did not occur. He did report

a couple of trees fell.

The Orange County Sheriff’s Department had issued a voluntary home evacuation warning for those living in Silverado Canyon, Williams Canyon and Modjeska Canyon.

The warning, given for homes located in the Bond fire burn area because of possible flooding and debris flow, was lifted at 4 p.m. Friday, O.C. sheriff’s spokeswoman Carrie Braun said.

“There was some debris

flow in the area,” Braun said. “It did cause the blockage of a few roadways, but Public Works did a great job of getting that cleared very quickly. The roadways reopened midday today.”

Braun added that the voluntary home evacuation warning was in effect through the end of a flash flood warning for the area that was issued by the National Weather Service.

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GOP

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other Republicans who have shown interest in this race,” he said.

“[But] we must coalesce behind one Republican candidate to hold this critical seat. That Republican is John Moorlach.”

Although five other GOP candidates had expressed an interest in Steel’s seat — including Newport Beach Mayor Will O’Neill and Councilman Kevin Muldoon, Huntington Beach councilmen Erik Peterson and Mike Posey and Fountain Valley Mayor Michael Vo — O’Neill, Peterson and Posey ultimately backed out.

Despite Whitaker’s clearly worded shot across the bow, Vo and Muldoon opted to move forward in their candidacy, qualifying to run on Jan. 14 and Jan. 25, respectively.

Republican Party officials were quick to attack the motives of the two candidates in a Jan. 26 follow-up statement, saying the candidates’ “selfishness” played into the hands of public service unions and political consultants.

“Every dollar given and every door walked for those campaigns works to elect Katrina Foley,” the statement read.

Randall Avila, executive director of the Republican Party of Orange County,

maintained Friday Moorlach was the candidate most likely to succeed in the narrow 45-day special election campaign window.

He said the organization’s leaders sat down with four of the five other candidates before endorsing Moorlach and explained the importance of securing a win. The fifth candidate filed after the talks had been held, he clarified.

“They understood this was a time for us to unite under one candidate,” Avila said of the three who pulled out of the race. “Two of those Republican candidates felt differently and decided to run anyway.”

Muldoon said Friday he’d originally planned to run for office when Steel termed out in 2022. When she was elected to Congress, he talked things over with wife Heather and decided to throw his hat in the ring.

“There have been some candidates who have been around a lot longer, but I’m of the opinion voters are looking for a fresh face and new leadership,” the Newport Beach councilman said.

Having already campaigned for about a year, Muldoon said he’s secured endorsements from supervisors Andrew Do and Don Wagner, as well as former Supervisor Jim Silva. He said candidates weren’t

given the opportunity to present their platforms to party officials for consideration.

“There was no opportunity to speak,” he said. “[The endorsement] was fast tracked and only one candidate was put forward by the body.”

Vo, who has also been endorsed by Do, rejected the party’s statement calling on Republicans not to support him and criticized what he called the “behind-closed-doors” approach to endorsing a “hand-picked” candidate.

“The O.C. GOP is under the impression that a certain candidate is owed this seat,” he said in a Jan. 26 statement. “If Republicans want to keep this seat in conservative hands, they should reject the candidacy of a recycled career politician.”

Vo went on to criticize the party as being fractured, disorganized and divisive.

Registration counts provided by the Orange County Registrar of Voters show Democrats have a 7.4% lead over Republicans, although 21% of voters are registered as having no party affiliation.

Avila said Friday party leaders are aware three conservative candidates on the same ballot could draw votes away from Moorlach but that the party will back who they believe will be the front-runner.

“It changes up our strategy a little bit, but it’s something we can overcome,” he said. “It’s going to come down to us mobilizing our voters — it’s really a turnout game.”

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MATCH

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advised him to come home right away.

The cancer was back and had spread to Goodman’s lymph nodes, metastasizing to his brain and spinal cord. Although he would undergo more chemotherapy, the only hope now was a medical miracle — he needed a bone marrow transplant.

“It’s obvious my bone marrow is incapable of surviving on its own,” said Goodman, who moved back to Tustin and has been living with his parents. “That’s the only cure we have right now.”

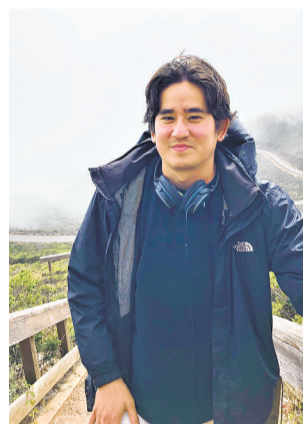
Although he’s been on the Be the Match bone marrow registry since 2016, no donors with enough matching indicators have been located among the 35 million registered.

As the son of a Japanese mother and a white father with Eastern European Jewish ancestry, Goodman’s chances of finding someone who’s a perfect match are incredibly slim. His own sister, Laurie, has so far been his closest match — at 50%.

That’s why Los Angeles-based nonprofit Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M) has stepped in to assist.

The group recruits potential registrants from cultures where organ, blood and marrow donation is not as widely accepted or understood.

The group hosts drive-through bone marrow drives intended to welcome



Courtesy of Paul Goodman

TUSTIN RESIDENT Paul Goodman in 2019, while filming “Evergreen,” an Eight East production.

donors who may have similar cultural and ethnic backgrounds as patients in need.

On Sunday, A3M is hosting a drive-through Be the Match event specifically for Goodman at Orange County Buddhist Church in Anaheim, from noon to 4 p.m. People simply pull up, fill out an online application and take a cheek swab to be entered into the registry.

Interested donors can also text “Hope4Paul” to 61474 from home and have a swab kit mailed to them with a free return envelope to send back.

“A lot of people don’t have a perfect match in the system,” said spokeswoman Athena Asklipiadis. “We see these trends in different groups — you could inherit a really rare genetic combination that makes [finding a match] difficult.”

Goodman is one of

144,000 people currently searching for a life-saving match each year, according to A3M, now in its 30th year of pushing for the diversification of donor registries. About one in 430 people who sign up to be donors end up matching someone in need.

That’s why it’s important for people to sign up.

“If even one person shows up, that person could be a match for somebody,” Asklipiadis said. “That one magical person could show up, and that person could be you.”

Orange County Buddhist Church is at 909 S. Dale Ave., in Anaheim. For more about Paul’s journey, visit a3mhope.org.

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